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Monday's storm caused no significant damage in Southern California. None of the 11 counties in the Region activated their emergency operations centers, and no requests for resources were received.

There are two storms expected to strike Southern California, beginning on Thursday. The National Weather Service (NWS) indicated that it does not expect Thursday's storm to have any significant impacts, with 0.1-0.6 inches of rain expected to fall in the area stretching from San Luis Obispo County to Orange County. According to the NWS, the storm is expected to bring 0.25 - 1.0 inches of rain in the San Diego area and less in the area to the north, including Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Rainfall in the upper deserts covered by the NWS Las Vegas office are expected to receive between 0.1 and 0.25 inches of rain from the Thursday's storm, while most of the lower desert area is expected to receive less than 0.1 inches.

The second storm, expected to hit Southern California on Saturday, is expected to be stronger and wetter, with 1-2 inches of rain forecast for most parts of the area from San Luis Obispo County to Orange County and 3 inches expected on south-facing mountain slopes. Saturday's storm is also expected to bring 1-3 inches of rain in the San Bernardino Mountains. One-tenth to 0.25 inches of rain are forecast for the upper deserts.

The Cal EMA Southern Region continues to monitor the situation and remains in contact with emergency officials for each of the 11 counties in the Region

- Currently, no city or county emergency operations centers are activated
- For weather information, visit the National Weather Service Web page at <http://www.noaa.gov>.

Southern Region officials say it's important the public take steps to ensure their safety by reviewing their family emergency plans, checking their emergency supply kits, clearing gutters, installing fresh batteries in their flashlights and portable radios and monitoring local radio and television for the latest weather information and emergency instructions. They also recommend that Southern Californians, particularly those living near or below the burn areas, learn the signs of potential ground failure.

For county specific information about preparedness for flooding and winter weather, visit one of the web sites listed below:

Los Angeles County
<http://www.ladpw.org>

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Riverside County

<http://www.rvcfire.org/opencms/YourSafety/>

San Diego County

www.sdcountry.ca.gov/oes

Ventura County

<http://tinyurl.com/yd38b3r>

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